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MEMORANDUM FOR Warrior Transition Brigade- National Capital Region (WTB-NCR)

SUBJECT: Warrior Transition Brigade- National Capital Region (WTB-NCR) Policy Letter #24- Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL)

# 1. REFERENCES:

- a. Army Directive 2011-22 (Special Compensation for Assistance With Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL), 31 AUG 11
- b. DoD Instruction 1341.12, August 31, 2011; Incorporating Change 1, May 24, 2012, Special Compensation for Assistance With Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL)
- 2. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all Soldiers assigned or attached to the Warrior Transition Brigade-National Capitol Region (WTB-NCR). This policy extends to the Bethesda, Fort Meade and Fort Belvoir WTUs. All WTB-NCR cadre will adhere to this policy in developing their local processes.
- 3. PURPOSE: To provide guidance to all members of the WTB-NCR and to ensure consistency when applying the criteria for SCAADL eligibility to all Soldiers in Transition.

# 4. POLICY:

- a. Each Soldier in Transition will be assessed for their eligibility for SCAADL upon assignment or attachment to the WTB-NCR if not already determined while on an inpatient status.
- b. Inpatient Soldiers in Transition will be assessed for their eligibility for SCAADL to allow for the earliest possible start date once on outpatient status.
- c. Self-care performance should be discussed and documented in the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) meeting at a minimum of every 60 days or after any significant change in functioning affecting self-care.
  - d. SCAADL tier levels will be determined as the result of an objective self-care assessment.
- e. The IDT will make a recommendation for the stopping of SCAADL based upon the results of the self-assessment that the Soldier in Transition is independent in all aspects of self-care.
  - f. Responsibilities for SCAADL are as follows:

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- (1) Brigade Commander
- (a) Establishes local policy and procedures.
- (b) Ensures subordinate Commanders' adherence to policy.
- (c) Final approving authority for all SCAADL packets.
- (2) Brigade Surgeon: Reviewing authority for all SCAADL packets within the Brigade.
- (3) Company Commander
- (a) Ensures an Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) review of Soldiers' self-care assessment in accordance with CTP.
- (b) Ensures process for timely evaluation and processing of SCAADL initial and stop packets.
- (c) Responsible for notification of the previously eligible Soldier to be informed of suspense of eligibility.
  - (4) Soldier in Transition Company Nurse Case Manager
  - (a) Assesses for potential self-care deficits at each encounter with the Soldier.
  - (b) Facilitates IDT discussion of self care.
  - (c) Facilitates request for a self-care assessment to include the verbiage in appendix.
- (d) Initiates DD 2948 with enclosures 1 and 2 to include transfer to another WTU/CBWTU.
  - (e) Notifies IDT of need for self-care re-assessment.
  - (f) Reviews form with the Soldier and gains their concurrence via signature.
- (5) Company Senior Nurse Case Manager: Performs quality review of SCAADL Packet prior to submission to PCM for approval review and signature.
  - (6) Primary Care Physician
  - (a) Initiates request for a self-care assessment.
  - (b) Reviews DD 2948 for accuracy.

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- (c) Signs DD 2948 to indicate of their concurrence.
- (7) WTB-NCR Administrative Assistant
- (a) Receives, reviews and maintains files of completed SCAADL packets from all WTB-NCR subordinate commanders.
- (b) Scans and forwards all completed start, stop and renewal SCAADL packets to the NRMC/WTO points of contact.
- (c) Conducts monthly reconciliation with NRMC/WTO and provides an electronic monthly update to the Brigade Commander, DCO, Brigade Surgeon and the Senior NCM.
- (d) Maintains a calendar of SCAADL renewal dates and sends reminders to Company level team members, specifically Company Senior Nurse Case Manager.
  - (8) Rehabilitation Department
  - (a) Assesses for potential self-care deficits at each encounter with the Soldier.
- (b) Will be responsible for implementing WTB-NCR wide objective self care assessment process.
- (c) To the extent possible, therapists will not assess Soldiers that are part of their normal caseload.
- (d) To the extent that is possible, therapist results of the self-care assessment should be documented in AHLTA using terminology similar to that which is used in the Functional Independence Measure.
  - (9) Interdisciplinary Team (IDT)
  - (a) Assures self-care evaluation every 90 days or sooner when indicated.
- (b) Apply results of the self-care assessment to the development of Comprehensive Transition Plan (CTP) goals to improve self-care performance.
- (c) Recommends continuation or termination of SCAADL based on review of the self-care assessment.
  - (10) Northern Medical Regional Command (NRMC)/Warrior Transition Office (WTO)
- (a) Acknowledges receipt of SCAADL packages from WTB-NCR Administrative Assistant within 48 working hours.

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- (b) Conducts monthly reconciliation and provides an electronic monthly update to the WTB-NCR Administrative Assistant every 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month.
- 5. The point of contact for this policy is the WTB-NCR Surgeon at 301-400-2311.

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1. SCAADL Guidance for Scoring

2. SCAADL Process

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